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1. LIEBEROSE (ALG), 10-13 December 1949

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About 2,000 troops left the LIEBEROSE training area by freight train and truck during a single week in November 1949.

Soviet LT from FÜRSTENWALDE (V33), fraternizing with local girls, allege that new troops will enter the camp within the next three months (i.e., January-March 1950).

A total of 10,000-12,000 men left LIEBEROSE by rail (period not indicated), some via BRANKE (V41), some via FRANKFURT/ODER, all proceeding to the FRANKFURT/ODER area.

About 4,000 troops departed the Russian Zone (specific origin not given) by truck through STERN (A79). During October and November 1949 there was heavy eastbound furlough traffic through FRANKFURT/ODER to the USST.

LIEBEROSE billets can accommodate 10,000-20,000 men.

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LIEBEROSE present occupation at LIEBEROSE amounts to some 2,000 troops and about fifty officers of various branches. Guard is strictly maintained. The box cars of barracks material arrived on 12 December and was loaded onto trailer truck LIEBEROSE. It is probable that such material comes from a special lumber camp situated in the woods around BRANKE (V51). The wood is driven to the BRANKE (V51) railroad station, thence shipped by rail to LIEBEROSE.

c. There was heavy furlough traffic on the COTTBUS-FRANKFURT/ODER line. An NCO who was in a group of 20 NCO's wearing armored insignia and who

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were travelling by train from Lieberose to FRANKFURT/ODER, stated that he was 24 years old and was going from COTTBUS to FUERSTENWALDE, where he was to obtain some Russian currency before going to USSR on 24 days leave. He had not been home since 1941.

2. FUERSTENWALDE (V33), 14-15 December 1949

- a. Artillerie Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse on the road to SPANNENHAGEN (V13):
5,000-5,500 men of whom about one-third are armored troops, 2,500
motorized rifle, and 1,000 artillery. The rifle troops manned guard posts
and also were seen at combat training. Twelve T-34/85 and six JS-1
tanks were in sheds. There was heavy truck traffic

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- b. Gartenstrasse Kaserne: 1,000-4,000 young troops. Armored IV pulled guard,
but most of them and officers wore artillery insignia.

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